



## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF: C-14J

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VIA ELECTRONIC  
AND REGULAR U.S. MAILJon Byl, Esq.  
Scott Hubbard, Esq.  
Warner, Norcross & Judd LLP  
900 Fifth Third Center  
111 Lyon Street NW  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503Re: Wolverine Worldwide Tannery and House Street Disposal Site  
City of Rockford and Plainfield Township, Kent Count, Michigan  
Proposed CERCLA Section 106 Administrative Order on Consent

Dear Counsel:

Regarding the proposed Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) under Section 106 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9606 that EPA sent to you on Friday, December 29, 2017, this letter documents EPA Region 5's decision not to pursue the procedures in Section 122 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9622(h) at this time, since time is clearly of the essence. We are not arranging for mixed funding, and the draft AOC requires a removal action and does not purport to compromise a claim, therefore, the Department of Justice's prior written approval and a public comment period are not required.

We look forward to your favorable response to the proposed AOC.

Sincerely,

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